

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Tucker.

The claims were also objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claim 30 appeared to be allowable.

In connection with the Examiner's formal objections, applicant has amended claim 30 correspondingly and it is believed that the grounds for the formal objections are eliminated.

Claim 30 has been amended to define that the corresponding annular sealing ribs 48 and 49 are provided on a top of the truncated cone-shaped body 33 and at a base of the truncated cone-shaped body 33, correspondingly.

As required by the Examiner, it has been indicated in claim 30 that after the lid has been removed, the pressure forces the handle 40 of the lid 20 into the aperture 22 of the can, so as to cause edges of the aperture 23 to penetrate into the notches 43, to fix the can 10 and the lid 30 together.

It is therefore believed that all grounds for formal objections and rejections are eliminated.

After carefully considering the Examiner's grounds for the rejection of claim 29 over the art, claim 29 has been canceled without prejudice.

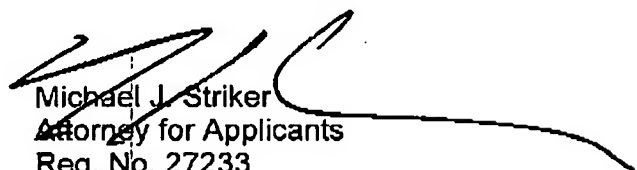
It is believed that claim 30, which was considered as generally allowable by the Examiner over the art, should be considered as allowable in its amended form.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in

formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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